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NON-FERROUS METALS**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following Patent Application:

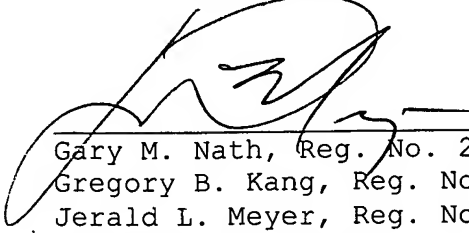
1. Submission of Documents to Supplement Filing Documents under 35 USC 371;
2. PCT/IB/338 (Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability);
3. PCT/IB/373 (International Preliminary Report on Patentability); and
4. PCT/ISA/237 (Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority).

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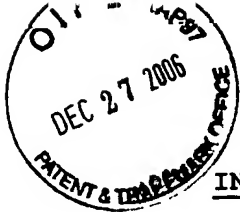
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In order to supplement the filing documents for the national phase filing under USC 371 commenced on November 8, 2006, applicant now submits the following documents:

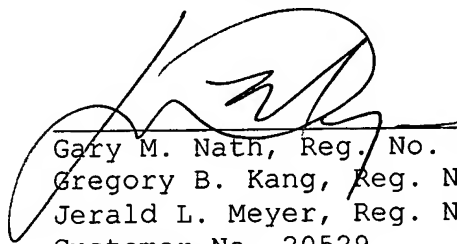
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(CHAPTER I OR CHAPTER II
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(PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference Wa 10246-W	
International application No. PCT/EP2004/006328	International filing date (day/month/year) 11 June 2004 (11.06.2004)
Applicant ESK CERAMICS GMBH & CO. KG et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II).

2. Transmittal of the copy of the translation to the designated or elected Offices.

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None

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3. Reminder regarding translation into (one of) the official language(s) of the elected Office(s).

The applicant is reminded that, where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

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International application No. PCT/EP2004/006328	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 11 June 2004 (11.06.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 13 June 2003 (13.06.2003)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant ESK CERAMICS GMBH & CO. KG		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 8 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

To:

Date of mailing
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See paragraph 2 below

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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☒ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II

Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not yet been furnished:

☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date in the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. IV

Lack of unity of invention

1. ☒ In response to the invitation (Form PCT/ISA/206) to pay additional fees the applicant has:
- ☐ paid additional fees
- ☒ paid additional fees under protest
- ☐ not paid additional fees
2. ☐ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose not to invite the applicant to pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
- ☐ complied with
- ☒ not complied with for the following reasons:

Since the subject matter of claim 25 is not novel (see point V.2 below), there is obviously no technical relationship between its subject matter and the subject matters of claims 1-24 such that they jointly contain one or more identical or corresponding technical features. The subject matters are thus not connected in such a way that they are based on a single inventive idea (PCT Rule 13.1).

The only technical features common to claims 25 and 1, namely a boron nitride suspension in water or an organic solvent, are already known, independently of one another, from D1-D4.

4. Consequently, this opinion has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:
- ☒ all parts
- ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos. _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-6, 8, 9, 11-21	YES
	Claims	1, 7, 10, 22-25	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-25	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-25	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-20020193027;
D2: US-A-3213024;
D3: US-A-4195002;
D4: EP-A-0419209;
D5: DE 196 47 368 A.

2. The present application does not satisfy the criterion in PCT Article 33(2) because the subject matter of claim 25 is not novel in relation to the prior art as defined in the Regulations (PCT Rule 64.1-64.3).

2.1. Document D1 (see the International Search Report) discloses aqueous dispersions of boron nitride containing polyvinylpyrrolidone as dispersant.

2.2. Document D2 (see the International Search Report) discloses dispersions of boron nitride in water/oil emulsions containing polyvinylpyrrolidone and "partial esters of polyhydric alcohols" as

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Box No. V

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dispersants. The water content is up to 70% by mass.

2.3. The only difference between the teaching of D3 and the subject matter of claim 25 is that in D3 polyacrylic acid is used for forming an **aqueous** boron nitride suspension.

3. The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claims 1, 7, 10 and 22-24 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

3.1. Document D1 (see the International Search Report and the comprehensive acknowledgement in the present application, page 9, line 4 to page 10, line 17) describes a slip which is suitable for producing a mold release layer which is stable over a prolonged period and comprises

- an inorganic binder containing colloidal inorganic particles such as SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , ZrO_2 (see claim 4),
- silanes such as MTOES and TEOS (example 8),
- boron nitride having a mean particle size of 1 micron (example 8) and
- the solvents indicated in the present claim 1.

3.2. The purity of the boron nitride specified in the present claim corresponds to the commercial purity, i.e. obviously also to that of the boron nitride in D1.

3.3. It is therefore also not possible to see that the mold release layers of D1 actually have the

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
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disadvantages compared to the release layers
according to claim 1 of the present application
which are stated in the present description (see
page 9, line 31 to page 10, line 17).

3.4. The process claim 14, the product claim 18 and the
dependent claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11-13, 15-17 and 19-21
appear to contain no features which could form the
basis of an inventive step.